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2. Training Camp near Boxberg

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1. Cottbus airfield (A57) is being enlarged. [REDACTED] Aircraft formerly based at this field departed about 28 August and the unit's equipment was shipped westward by rail. Since September 1, the field has been occupied by an unreported number of aircraft with double tail assembly. An advance party of new troops, allegedly from Oranienburg (Z67), has arrived. The former administrative officer, Lt Virghov, is still on hand.

2. [REDACTED] reports that "as before" there were thirty-seven IAK-9 parked on the field under tarpaulins. No air activity was observed.

3. No airfield exists in the vicinity of Nochten (A73) nor are there any indications that a field is in preparation. About 200 meters south of Nochten on the Bautzen road is a large cleared area, used by the Russians as a target range and training area for the last two months, and this may have been mistaken for an emergency field. A wooden fence, two kilometers long and two meters high, has been set up along the adjoining road.

4. There is a tent and barracks camp near Boxberg, 3 1/2 kilometers SSW of Nochten, where artillery training was underway on 11 September. [REDACTED] eleven T-34, one supply tank, one repair truck (B 6-39-09), and one jeep; these departed and entrained at Weisswasser (A74) in the direction of Cottbus. Local residents say that units come and go frequently at this camp, which has been used since May 1949.

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